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Alcott  
FAMILY RECORD

of

DENISON ALCOTT and EMILY BLAISDELL ALCOTT

with

The Names, Births, Marriages, and Deaths of Ancestors and Other  
Relatives Near and Remote, also Many Others Not Connected with  
These Families

by

DENISON ALCOTT

Written in the Year 1880





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## FAMILY RECORD

### My Own Family--Ancestry, etc., On My Father's Side

By Pennison Alcott

From the most authentic accounts I can gather, my ancestors emigrated from England in the early settlement of the United States. Two or three brothers pitched their tent where now is located the city of New Haven in the state of Connecticut, and were identified with its earliest history. From one of these our family sprang. One of the name emigrated north from New or North Haven about twenty miles and settled in the town of Farmington, now Wolcott, in the county of New Haven, Connecticut, and from him I am descended and in this town I was born.

The emigrant brothers from England spelled the name "Allcock", and as it appears, in after time it was spelled "Allcox", and sometimes and generally in more modern times "Alcox"; but now almost universally it is spelled Alcott, a few exceptions amongst the more aged of the family here and there having a tenacity for the antique.

My ancestors were not marked for intellectual powers, but were somewhat noted for honesty and sincerity. A sentimental race, some pious and devoted Christians, they mostly embraced the faith of the Congregational church, but in modern times many of them have become Episcopalians and a few Universalists, and now and then one has embraced the Baptist views. I have heard of one Baptist Deacon and one Baptist preacher.

In the year of our Lord 1651, September 19, I was in the city of New Haven and I visited the cemetery of the city and on the north side of that City of the Dead I found some three hundred monuments of ancient dates and of various forms and sizes and sculpture and of different kinds of stone, but all wearing the appearance of great antiquity. These monumental stones I am informed once marked the spot where lay the bodies whose names they bear who were buried on what is called the "Green" where now stand the houses of worship of several denominations and the State House and lofty trees. Underneath sleep the ashes of the dead and hundreds pass over them daily--no stone marks the place of their sleeping except some two or three amongst them, the monuments of the three renegades.

Amongst this group of monuments I found one bearing this inscription (for they are all grouped together in several extended ranks in alphabetical order)--see inscription below.

Alcock as a surname was established by the King of England in 1616 by granting a coat of arms. On the Alcock Shield is "Peace", emblematic of military pride, three heads of cocks, emblematic of watchfulness. Ancestor in England, John Alcock born at Beverly, Yorkshire, England, was Bishop of Rochester, Worcester and Wyl. He founded Jesus College, Cambridge, man of piety and learning. Died October 1, 1600.



Grave Stones in New Haven Cemetery

"Thomas Alcock. Died April 2, 1757. Aged 80 years"

Thomas Alcock was the son of Philip, brother of John, my great-great-great-grandfather. He was born in 1677. (I presume that in the graveyard in North Haven might be found monuments with inscriptions of the name. I did not visit that place)

One Thomas Alcock from England with Winthrop in 1630. Died in Boston, September 14, 1657. His son Philip born in 1646--his son John born July 14, 1675, died March, 1722, aged 47 years--his son John born January, 1703, married to Deborah Blakeslee January 14, 1729 or 30 by Rev. Isaac Stiles of North Haven. Settled in Wolcott in 1731. He was my great-grandfather.

The following inscriptions copied from gravestones in the graveyard on Wolcott Hill, New Haven County, Connecticut in September, 1851 by D. Alcott.

"John Alcox, Died January 6, 1777, Aged 71 Years

and Wife

Deborah Alcox, Died January 7, 1789, Aged 77 Years"

(Deborah Blakeslee Alcox, daughter of Isaac Blakeslee of North Haven) The above my great-grandfather and great-grandmother.

My grandfather and grandmother

"David Alcox, Died January 29, 1821, aged 61 Years"

"Abigail Johnson Alcox, Died February 23, 1793, aged 53 Years"

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My father's oldest sister (maiden lady)

"Amy Alcott, Died May 5, 1830, aged 62 Years"

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My father's 2nd brother

"Obed Alcott, Died August 6, 1847, aged 71 Years"

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My father's third and twin brother

"Eldad Alcott, Died June 4, 1850, aged 71 Years"

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My father's oldest brother, Obed's, oldest daughter

"Levina Alcott Knowles, Died March 1, 1831, aged 30 Years"

She married Knowles of Haddam February 8, 1830.



My father's cousin, son of John, my grandfather's brother, born  
June 24, 1764

"John Bronson Alcox, Died September 27, 1856, aged 77 Years"

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My father's cousin, son of John, my grandfather's brother

"Samuel Alcott, Born November 29, 1761, Died 1810"

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The following inscriptions copied by me from monuments in the  
cemetery on Wolcott Hill, New Haven County, Connecticut, September, 1851.  
Not relatives as I know of.

"Ezra Hall, Died August 29, 1769, aged 49 Years"

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"John Bronson, Died November 10, 1808, aged 100 Years, 3 months  
and 25 Days"

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The following inscriptions copied September, 1851 from monuments  
in graveyard East Wolcott, New Haven County, Connecticut by myself. Relatives.

A brother of David, my grandfather.

"Jesse Alcott, Died October 29, 1809, aged 74 Years"

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A son of the above Jesse, my grandfather's brother.

"Joel Alcott, Died May 27, 1610, aged 32"

This cemetery is in the east part of Wolcott township; in this  
neighborhood lives my oldest sister Rosetta Churchill. In this resting place  
of the dead lies her oldest daughter Evelina. She died in the bloom of life  
and while a member of the Lewis Academy in Southington, Conn. Her prospects  
were bright and brightening. She was 16 years, 5 months, and 16 days old.  
"O Death, thou enemy of our race". (See Page 19)

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The following inscriptions were copied by me from monuments in  
East Wolcott burial ground in September, 1851, New Haven County, Conn. Not  
relatives.

"Zur Brockett, Died September 17, 1834, aged 61 Years"

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"Asahel Brocket. Was Drowned at East Haven June 2, 1814, aged  
25 Years"





"Amice Brockett, Died March 11, 1833, aged 81 Years"

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"Sarah Brockett, Wife of Titus Brockett, Died April 23, 1850"

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Oldest inscription in East Wolcott graveyard, 1800. How there  
are many graves there. September, 1851. D. Alcott

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Inscriptions copied from monuments in the burying ground on  
Plymouth Hill, Litchfield County, Connecticut, September, 1851. My ancestors  
on my mother's side. D. Alcott.

Mother's father and mother

"Captain Amos Bronson, Died September 2, 1819, aged 88 Years"

(Note---my mother says he was two years older than the grave stone  
indicated)

His wife----- (See Page 25)

"Amos Blacklee Bronson, Died December 3, 1800, aged 68 Years"

(See Page 25)

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"Emilia Bronson, Died November 14, 1800, aged 2 Years"

See Page 28. Daughter of Noah K. Bronson, a brother of my mother.  
My mother says Emilia was with her parents at her father's a short time previous  
to her death and as she left she put her arms around her grandma's neck and  
said to her, "Grandma, I shall never see you again", which proved true. Emilia  
died November 14 and grandma December 3 following. "Death cuts down all both  
great and small". D. Alcott

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Inscriptions copied from monuments in Cheshire, New Haven County,  
Connecticut, in September 1851. D. Alcott.

My mother's brother, the son of Captain Amos Bronson, Rev. Tillot-  
son Bronson, D.D., born in 1751.

"Tillotson Bronson, Died at Cheshire September 6, 1826, aged 65  
Years"

He was an Episcopal minister.

He graduated at Yale College in 1786, ordained deacon the same  
year by Bishop Leary September 31. He was a sound scholar and  
a very good scholar and held high acceptance for twenty years  
the office of Principal of the Connecticut Episcopal Academy.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord"

"Greeted by the pupils and friends of Dr. Bronson"



Uncle "Tilly" generally wept when he preached when I heard him.

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Son of Rev. Tillotson Bronson, D. D.

"Amos T. Bronson, Died August 1, 1830, aged 17 Years"

I have seen Amos T. Bronson.

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Second wife of Capt. Amos Bronson, my mother's father.

"Sarah Bronson, Second Wife of Captain Amos Bronson of Plymouth, Litchfield County, Connecticut, Died February 23, 1822, aged 60 Years"

I have often seen my step-grandmother. D. Alcott

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"Hannah Thompson Bronson, Wife of Rev. Tillotson Bronson, Died February 28, 1803, aged 35 Years"

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"Polly Hotchkiss, Second Wife of Rev. Tillotson Bronson, D.D., Died September 28, 1826, aged 57 Years"

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Sylvia Bronson Alcott, my mother, told me last summer that John Bronson, her great-grandfather married Comfort Baldwin.

Also, that my great grandfather, John Bronson, Jr., died in New York, County of Dutchess, and town of Amenia, in the village of Hartsess.

Again, if I wish more definite intelligence write to the postmaster, inquire for John or William Barker, cousins of hers, children of her father's sister.

Also, that one John Barker, not married, was killed by the fall of a tree.

Mother says again, that her grandfather, John Bronson, Jr., died on the day that the 2nd man that was hanged in the state was executed at Litchfield, Conn.

D. Alcott.

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Inscriptions from tombstones in the cemetery of Plymouth Hollow, Litchfield County, Conn., copied September 15, 1851. D. Alcott.

"Jacob Blakeslee, Died March 25, 1767, aged 61 Years"

His wife

"Elizabeth Barnes Blakeslee, Died April 11, 1762, aged 69 Years"

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A relative of the family, no doubt

"Phebe Blakslee, Wife of David Blakslee, Died October 4, 1744.  
aged 18 Years"

Cut down in the bloom of life, O Death! D. Alcott.

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"Harriet Blakslee, Daughter of Salah Blakslee, Died January 27,  
1809, aged 15 Years."

her well. Salah a cousin of my mother on her mother's side. I remember  
D.A.

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The following not relatives as I suppose.

"Sarah Royce, Died April 28, 1742, aged 23 Years, Wife of  
Phineas Royce"

"Christian Penn, Died aged 49, 1768"

"John Sutliff, Died 1816, aged 72 Years"

"Samuel Way, Died 1806"

"Israel B. Woodward, Died 1848"

"Samuel Reynolds, Jr., Died December 9, 1807, aged 15 Years"

Caught cold by going into the water to bathe when in a state of  
high perspiration.

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Inscriptions copied from tombstones in Northfield burial ground  
in Litchfield County, Conn. in September, 1851. D. Alcott.

Relatives and ancestors of my wife, Emily E. Alcott.

Grandfather of my wife and grandmother on her mother's side.  
(See Page 39)

"Jacob Smith, Died April 14, 1807, aged 69 Years"

His wife

"Mary Smith, Died August 30, 1823, aged 81 Years"

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"Jacob Smith, Jr., Died February 23, 1808, aged 39 "

Son of the above Jacob and brother of my wife's mother (See P.

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"Levi Smith, Died August 4, 1833, aged 52"



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Son of Jacob Smith Sr., and brother of my wife's mother

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"Rev. Lewis Smith, Died in Northfield October 19, 1846, aged 41"

A son of Jacob Jr, and cousin of my wife. He was a preacher in the Methodist connexion. He was a school mate of mine in childhood. D. Alcott.

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"Polly Smith, Died April 7, 1836, aged 53 Years"

Wife of Levi Smith, my wife's uncle.

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Connexion of mine. D. Alcott.

"Titus Turner' Wife, Died May 2, 1809, aged 66 Years"

My mother's maternal aunt, Sarah Blakslee Turner.

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"Doctor Abner Blakslee, Died December 22, 1817, aged 87 Years"

My mother's maternal uncle, rather an eccentric character, deistical in his views and feelings.

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"Samuel Blakslee, Died February 16, 1831, aged 74"

Son of Doc. Abner Blakslee.

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"Isaac Turner, Died in New York, September 3, 1836, aged 56"

Son of Titus Turner, my mother's maternal cousin.

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"Dorcas Baldwin, Wife of Jared Baldwin, Died February 21, 1840, aged 56"

A widow, not a relative. She was an old acquaintance of mine and when I lived in Terryville, Mad. Co., N. Y. D. Alcott

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Plymouth Hollow Burial Grounds.

Here I leave a page for relatives buried in this resting place of the dead, supposing that I had a copy but I failed to take them or I have mislaid them or lost them. If I am so lucky as to get them, I will write them here. D. Alcott.





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Grandfather David Alcox's Record

I copied the following record from my grandfather's record, an old antiquated account book in September, 1851, While on a visit to my native land with my wife, and at the house of my grandfather, or rather where he did live when among us in the land of the living. D. Alcott.

"Capt. Daniel Alcox, Died May 24, 1805 at Colebrook, Litchfield Co. Conn. , aged 67" (A paternal great uncle of mine)

David Alcox, my grandfather married Miss Abigail Johnson July 2, 1767 (See Page 15)

The following the fruit of the above marriage:

Amy Alcott, Born September 16, 1768  
Abigail Alcox, Born December 14, 1770  
David Alcox, Born April 16, 1774  
Obed Alcox, Born September 8, 1776  
Eldad Alcox, Born September 14, 1779)  
Medad Alcox, Born September 14, 1779) See Page 16 & 17  
Eunice Alcox, Born October 17, 1782  
Deborah Alcox, Born November 25, 1784

Abigail Johnson Alcox, Died February 23, 1793. David's wife  
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David, married widow Sarah Platt February 5, 1795

Abiathara Hubbard Alcott, Born June 23, 1796 and died December 25, 1796, aged 6 months and 2 days.  
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Marriages of David's Children

Obed, married Anna Andrus July 13, 1797  
Abigail, married Asahel Lane August 26, 1793  
David, married Anna Penn February 22, 1803  
Eunice, married Archibald Mazher  
Medad, married Sylvia Bronson  
Eldad, married widow Sibil Bartholomew January 29, 1817.  
Deborah, married Isaac Miner February 18, 1803  
" married a second time Lorin Sanchez March 4, 1820  
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Sarah Ann Alcott, born January 9, 1818, daughter of Eldad and Sibil Alcott  
Fenn Alcott, born February 3, 1804, David's son  
Eli Alcott, born April 21, 1810, David's son  
Irene Philena Alcott, born October 4, 1817, David's daughter  
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Plymouth Hill Burial Place

"Nicy Baldwin, Died July 2, 1807, aged 21 Years"

Daughter of Thadous and Thankful Alcox Baldwin, my paternal great



aunt, a sister of my grandfather, David Alcott. I remember distinctly of my great-aunt Thankful leading me into the room where lay the corpse of this young lady and how frightened I was, it being the first dead person I recollect of ever seeing. I was then five and a half years old.

(I recollect of seeing Mr. John Alcott of Wolcott put into the coffin. I think I was then about 7 years old. He was my grandfather's brother)

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Note. In the month of September, 1851 when on a visit to my native state, Connecticut, I went with my mother and sister Rosetta and her son Newell B. Churchill and sister Julia's daughter Lucelia Merrill and my wife, to the house in Plymouth where used to live my great-uncle Phadens Baldwin, where now lives David, their youngest son with his maiden sister Lydia Baldwin, aged 71, and his daughter Laura, unmarried, aged 30--his wife being dead this many years. His age at this time 59. A good visit, somewhat religious.

Denison Alcott.

Eliza Guthrie Tuttle, wife of Eld. Elioda Tuttle, died in May 16, 1841, aged 29 years, 9 months, and 8 days.

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#### Relatives on my Mother's Side. Copied by D. Alcott.

The following sent me by Uncle Noah Bronson, a brother of my mother, living in Medina, Medina Co., Ohio, aged 85 years in the year 1851.

The family of Aaron Welton who married Zerah Bronson, my mother's sister,

Aaron Welton born in Wolcott, Conn., Feb. 18, 1752, married January 13, 1777 in Plymouth to  
Zerah Bronson, born in Plymouth, Conn., June 22, 1758.

Aaron died in the state of N. Y. March 7, 1817, killed by the falling of a limb

Zerah died April 3, 1836, aged 70 years, in Medina

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#### Children of Aaron and Zerah Welton

Janur, born Feb. 28, 1778, in Wolcott (formerly Farmingbury) Conn., married Benjamin Nichols Sept. 28, 1802 in N. Y., died Feb. 28, 1821, just 43 years old, in N. Y.

Benona born in Wolcott, Dec. 7, 1779, died Jan. 7, 1780 in Wolcott.

Harvey born Oct. 28, 1780 in Colcott, Conn., died Feb. 6, 1781 in Wolcott.

Harvey Bronson Welton, born Nov. 2, 1782 in Wolcott, Conn., married Lydia Harris May 23, 1805 in N. Y., died Feb. 6, 1814 in Camden, N. Y. by suicide cut his throat.

Nunius born July 7, 1784 in Plymouth, Conn., married Sarah Nichols Sept. 25, 1805. First wife died Dec. 15, 1827 in New York state. Married his



second wife, widow Julia Grange, in Ohio in March 4, 1831. She left him May 10, 1832.

Lena born June 14, 1786 in Vermont, died Oct. 10, 1787 in Vt.

Noah born August 20, 1788 in Stafford, Vt., died August 25, 1788 in Vt.

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Junius Welton's Family, married Sarah Nichols Sept. 25, 1805

(One of his granddaughters married a Mr. Thompson, she is dead and he lives in Woodbury, Conn. Dec. 1852)

Lena Sophia Welton born July 9, 1806 in New York, married Alexander Russell Sept. 17, 1823, lived in Medina, Ohio. They have five children, two males and 3 females.

Lucy Nichols Welton born June 21, 1807 in St. Laurens, N. Y., died March 4, 1813 in N. Y.

Junius Welton Jr., born Dec. 8, 1808 in N. Y., died Dec. 11, 1808 in N. Y.

Zerah Ann Welton, born Nov. 27, 1809 in N. Y., married Mr. Theodore Branch Nov. 8, 1832. They have four children, two males and two females. Mrs. Branch died May 31, 1851 in York, Medina Co., Ohio, after three day's sickness. He married Hester Anna Scott Sept. 2, 1851 in York, Ohio. Her father a Baptist minister.

Sarah Emeline Welton born August 10, 1811 in N. Y., married Daniel B. Hitchcock March 14, 1841. They have three children, one male and two females.

Julia Anne Welton, born July 2, 1813 in N. Y., married John White Dec. 9, 1841. They have two children, both males.

Aaron Bronson Welton, born Feb. 6, 1815 in N. Y., married Sarah A. Shepherd March 12, 1840. They have five children, two males and three females. Live in Wisconsin.

Junius Tilliotson Welton, born Nov. 26, 1816 in N. Y., married Jane Betsey Wright Sept. 12, 1844. Now live in Laporte, Wis.

Charles Welton, born Jan. 23, 1819 in N. Y., married Julia Ann Point Feb. 20, 1843. Lives in Medina with Uncle Noah.

Wm. Harvey Welton, born Jan 22, 1821 in N. Y., married Emily L. Stone, Dec. 19, 1850 in York, Ohio.

Henry Clarke Welton, born Dec. 14, 1823 in N. Y., married Caroline Matilda Spencer Oct. 16, 1845 in Grange, Ohio. They have one child. Now live in Brunswick, Ohio.

Charlotte Welton, born Feb. 14, 1826, N. Y. (Has a son 6 years old, illegitimate, Henry Washington Howe, Rome, Jan. 1, 1858. D. Alcott)

Second marriage of Junius Welton----- Elmore Welton, born 1832,



There are two great-grandchildren of Aaron & Zerah Bolton.

Family of Harvey B. Welton, son of Aaron Welton

Harris Welton has four children  
Soghrenia Welton has two children  
Janar S. Welton has four children  
Emily Welton has three children

At this date, 1851, Aaron and Zerah Welton had had eight children, but one of them living. They had had seventeen grandchildren, fifteen of them living. They had at this time living thirty-three great-grandchildren. The above a record Uncle Noah M. Bronson sent me in the year 1851. Clinton, March 12, 1852. D. Alcott.

Ohio. D. Alcott. Note The above named relatives live, I suppose, in the state of

Family of Uncle Tillotson Bronson, Episcopal Preacher, D.D.  
See Page 4 and 26

Tillotson Bronson, son of Capt. Amos Bronson, born in Plymouth, Litchfield Co., Conn. Jan. 8, 1752. Graduated at Yale College, New Haven, Conn. 1786. Ordained Deacon in the Episcopal church 1786, September 21 by Bishop Seabury. Settled in Waterbury, Conn. same county, then in Cheshire. Principle of Episcopal Academy twenty years. Married Hannah Thompson, daughter of Ezekiah Thompson of Woodbury, Conn. November 9, 1797. Married second time Polly Hotchkiss of Hampden, Conn., March 9, 1809.

## Births

Rev. Tillotson Bronson in Plymouth, Conn., Jan. 12, 1762  
Hannah Thomson

Children of first marriage

Rebecca, in Waturbury, Conn., July 7, 1799

Fanny, in Waterbury, Nov. 2, 1801

Sarah Lavinia, in Waterbury, Oct. 26, 1803

Isaac J., in Waterbury, May 12, 1805. Married at 68, 1873

Charles Thompson, in Cheshire, Feb. 25, 1807

Children of second marriage

Eliza, in Cheshire, June 3, 1811

Amos Tillotson, Cheshire, April 11, 1813

## Deaths

Fanny Ericson. Waterbury, Conn. Sept. 2, 1885

Hammah, wife of Tillotson, Choshira, Feb. 28, 1868

Tillotson B. at Jreshire, Sept. 5, 1825

Polly B., Cheshire, Sept. 26, 1826





Amos Tillotson Bronson, Cheshire, August 1, 1830

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Charles Thompson Bronson married Victoria Campbell in Kentucky. She is of French descent and somewhat petulant. The children of this marriage are Myra Rebecca, and Francis Alexander, they live in Kentucky, Paducah, McCracken County.

Eliza Bronson married Benj Street Tuttle August 29, 1831. They had two children--one son, Samuel T. and one daughter, Lucy. Son died 1850, aged 16 or 17. They now live in Kirtland, Ohio. Abolitionists.

Samuel Tillotson Tuttle born September 24, 1832

Lucy Lavinia Tuttle born March 11, 1834

Benj Street Tuttle born Feb. 1, 1810

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## FAMILY RECORD -- ALCOTT FAMILY

Here follows a record of my family, their births, marriages, deaths so far as I have any knowledge gathered from the best sources of information at my command, as well those who succeeded me as those who are contemporaneous with me and have come on to the stage since I have, with remarks concerning them such as my be of some interest to those who may come after me and live when I shall lie beneath the ground. I hope my successors will continue this Record on to remote generations. I would enjoin it upon my children and children's children through coming time. D. Alcott.

Clinton village, Kirkland town, Oneida County, New York, March 15, 1852.

Note. I refer the reader to the first page of this book for some remarks concerning my ancestors, which see for I need not repeat them here. I begin with the relatives on my father's side bearing my name. The note above directs to an explanation of the different spelling of the name.

### Denison Alcott's Family

"Thomas Alcock, Died April 2, 1757, aged 80 Years"

The above found on a grave stone in the graveyard of New Haven, Conn., on a gravestone among a group of stones placed together in alphabetical order on the north side of said yard, taken from where now is the Green, where lie the ashes of said Thomas Alcock. He was a son of Philip Alcock, born 1677, his wife's name was Elizabeth Mitchell, daughter of Thomas Mitchell. Married Dec. 5, 1672.

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John Alcox, my great-grandfather, died Jan. 6, 1777, aged 71 years

Note. (Mistake, I do know) My great-grandfather, of his relatives I know nothing, whether he had brothers or sisters I cannot tell. He settled in Wolcott, New Haven Co., Conn. probably in early life. (It was in 1731)

Deborah Blakslee Alcox, daughter of Isaac Blakslee of North Haven, died Jan. 7, 1789, aged 77 years.

Note. She was the wife of John. Her maiden name was Blakslee. I do not know of her family connexion. These both died in Wolcott, and buried there in Wolcott Hill Cemetery.

(John 2nd my great-grandfather, John 1st my great-great-grandfather; Philip my great-great-great-grandfather)

### Children of said John Alcox 2nd and Deborah

Capt. John, Dec. 28, 1731, lived and died in Wolcott Sept. 27, 1808. Farmer

James, lived and died in Wolcott, August 9, 1803. Farmer

Jessee, lived and died in Wolcott, Oct. 29, 1809, aged 74 Years.

Farmer.

Capt. Daniel, died in Colebrook, Litchfield Co., Conn. May 24, 1805, aged 67 years. Captain

David, my grandfather, lived on the old homestead. Farmer.

Deborah

Mary

Thankful, married Thaddeus Baldwin, lived and died in Plymouth, Conn. Baldwin a farmer.

Lydia, born Nov. 24, 1730, died Nov. 15, 1795.



Deborah  
Hannah  
Anna  
Stephen, died young

Note. Some of the names of children of the above

John's---Lydia, Samuel, Joseph, Mark, Thomas, Solomon, John B.  
Mary, Isaac  
Jesse---Jessee, June, Joel  
David---my grandfather, which see  
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John Jr.--children, Almon, Jeddediah  
Joseph---married my mother's sister, Amos, Chatfield, Ambrose.  
Junius, the last living in Oriskany Falls, N. Y. Amos in Boston.  
Joel---Sons, Joel dead

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### David Alcox

My grandfather son of John 2nd, he son of John 1st, he son of Philip, he son of Thomas, from England in 1630. His ancestor John Alcock, born in Yorkshire, England, and a Bishop in time of Henry VII. He died October 1, 1800

David Alcox, born in Wolcott, New Haven County, Connecticut, January 12, 1740, son of John and Deborah Flaksee Alcox.  
Married Miss Abigail Johnson July 2, 1767  
Second marriage Widow Sarah Platt, Feb. 5, 1795  
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Deborah  
Hannah  
Anna  
Stephen, died young

Note. Some of the names of children of the above

John's--Lydia, Samuel, Joseph, Mark, Thomas, Solomon, John B.  
Mary, Isaac

Jesse--Jessee, June, Joel  
David--my grandfather, which see

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John Jr.--children, Abner, Jeddadiah  
Joseph--married my mother's sister, Amos, Chatfield, Ambrose,  
Junius, the last living in Oriskany Falls, N. Y. Amos in Boston.  
Joel--Sons, Joel dead

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#### David Alcox

My grandfather son of John 2nd, he son of John 1st, he son of Philip, he son of Thomas, from England in 1630. His ancestor John Alcock, born in Yorkshire, England, and a Bishop in time of Henry VII. He died October 1, 1500

David Alcox, born in Wolcott, New Haven County, Connecticut, January 12, 1740, son of John and Deborah Flakslee Alcox.

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Widow Sarah Platt, my grandfather's second wife. They were married February 5, 1795. Her maiden name was I think she had had two husbands before, the name of the first the name of the second. She was never very much loved and respected in the family, a very working penurious sort of a woman and not always as honest as she ought to be, as some of my uncles tho't, at any rate she took good care of many a silver dollar of my grandfather's. As I have said before I lived in the family and had an opportunity to learn something of her traits of character in some things, as most boys do. I then liked to visit the pantry for a lunch, but everything edible or drinkable of the older kind (for this was before the temperance reform) was well secured with lock and key. Her tongue was freely used upon me for my mistakes and boyish pranks. I did not love her. After my grandfather's death, she married Zealous Blakeslee and lived in Wolcott.

David, my grandfather, had by his first wife Abigail eight children, four sons and four daughters (See page 8)

1. Ann, his first-born. Born Sept. 16, 1769 in Wolcott. She was never married, always lived with her father and survived him about nine years. She died May 5, 1830, aged 62 years, in Wolcott, Conn. and lies buried in the cemetery Wolcott Hill with many of her kindred.

2. Abigail, born in Wolcott Dec. 14, 1770, and married Asahel Lane August 26, 1793. Names of children--Hiram

3. David, born in Wolcott April 16, 1774, married Anna Fenn of Plymouth, Litchfield Co. Conn. February 22, 1803. Names of their children--Eli, born in Wolcott April 21, 1810, now dead; Irene Philena, born Oct. 4, 1817 in Wolcott. Fenn born in Wolcott Feb. 3, 1804, now dead.

David is dead, he was a farmer.

4. Obad. born in Wolcott Sept. 8, 1776. Married Anna Anclous July 13, 1797. Names of children--William, a doctor. Spent some time in Boston, now lives at Newton in Massachusetts, and for many years an author--the author of nearly 100 books. Married a Miss Bronson, has two or three children and is strictly a vegetarian; eats no meat and has tried many experiments on himself, for instance, he took nothing liquid into his mouth for one year, etc. I saw him last fall, he was nothing but a shadow. Obad, farmer, died Aug. 6, 1847, 71 Yrs

Levina, married Knowles. Died March 1, 1821 in Wolcott, buried in Wolcott, aged 30 years.

Florence, born in Wolcott. Never married, living with her mother. Died in Wolcott.

Gary, married Miss Harriet Nichols. He lives in Wolcott, has five children--Levina, Edwin, Antinett, Anna, Elmer. Gary was drowned in Illinois.

5. Eldad, a twin brother of Medad, born in Wolcott Sept. 14, 1779, and died in Wolcott June 4, 1850, aged 71. Married Widow Sibbil Bartholomew Jan. 29, 1817. Children--Flynn, Sarah Ann, born Jan. 9, 1818. She married Sherman Moulton, has several children. Eldad lived and died on the homestead of his father, which was the homestead of his father, my great-grandfather, where now live his widow and daughter Sarah Ann. He was a farmer. Sibbil B. Alcott, wife of Eldad, died September 25, 1875, aged 67 years.

6. Medad (a twin brother of Eldad) my father, born in Wolcott Sep. 14, 1779 and died in Waterbury, New Haven Co., Conn., January 13, 1829, aged 49 years, 3 months, and 29 days, buried in Waterbury Cemetery. A plain stone marks the place of his interment.



Married Silvia Bronson, daughter of Capt. Amos Bronson of Plymouth Litchfield Co., 1801. Children--Denison, Rosetta (dead), Johnson (dead), Julia Annar, Addison, Sylvia Ann (died young), Lucy Maria. For particulars see page 17-21. My father was a shoemaker.

7. Eunice. Born in Wolcott October 17, 1782. Married Archibald Mosher. Children of Eunice  
Lydia, married Samuel Downes, lives in Wolcott, she has three children. Mr. Downes a carpenter and joiner.  
Ann, married James Williams, lives at New York City, #6 Trinity Pl. He keeps a livery stable

8. Deborah. born in Wolcott, Nov. 25, 1784. Married Isaac Miner February 18, 1803. Married the second time Loria Pancher March 4, 1820. Deborah died September 1883, aged 73 years, 9 months  
Children by the 1st marriage  
Children by the 2nd marriage  
They lived in the state of Massachusetts. Miner was a farmer; Pancher a clothier.

David, my grandfather had by his second wife Sarah one child, a son, died Dec. 25, 1796, aged six months and 2 days. Abiathar Hubbard Alcott. Page 8.

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Medad Alcott's Family, 6th Child of David Alcott

Medad Alcott, born Sept. 14, 1779, in Wolcott, Conn. Married Silvia Bronson 1801 in Plymouth, Litchfield Co., Conn. (Silvia Bronson born Nov. 23, 1776, in Plymouth, Conn.)

Medad Alcott died January 13, 1829 in Waterbury, New Haven Co. Conn.

1. Denison Alcott, born Nov. 8, 1801 in Wolcott, New Haven Co., Conn.
2. Rosetta Alcott, born Aug. 3, 1803, in Waterbury, Litchfield Co., Ct.
3. Johnson Alcott, born Dec. 19, 1804 in Waterbury, Litchfield Co., Ct.
4. Julia Annar Alcott, born Oct 12, 1806 in Plymouth, Litchfield, Ct.
5. Addison Alcott, born Sept. 6, 1808 in Plymouth, Litchfield, Conn.
6. Silvia Ann Alcott, born July 14, 1810, died Feb. 10, 1811
7. Lucy Maria Alcott, born Aug. 10, 1817.

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My Father's Family

Medad, son of David and Abigail Alcott

Medad Alcott, born in Wolcott, New Haven Co., Conn., September 14, 1779. Married Silvia Bronson, 1801, youngest daughter of Capt. Amos Bronson of Plymouth, Litchfield Co., Conn.

Died January 13, 1829, in Waterbury, New Haven Co., Conn. Buried in the burial ground of Waterbury village. A plain slab points out the place of the sleeper. His age was 49 years, 3 months, and 29 days. He was a shoemaker. My mother is now living, her home is in Medina, Medina Co., Ohio.

My mother, Silvia Bronson, was born in Plymouth, Litchfield Co. Conn. Nov. 22, 1776.

Children of Medad and Silvia Alcott

1. Elder Denison Alcott, born in Wolcott, New Haven Co., Conn.



Nov. 8, 1891. (Baptist preacher ordained in Florence, Oneida Co., N. Y. Oct. 9, 1899)

Married Miss Emily Blakslee, daughter of Charles Blakslee June 23, 1825, in Kirkland, Oneida Co., N. Y. Officiating minister Rev Mr. Algernon S. Hollister, Episcopal. Emily Blakslee, my wife, born in Litchfield, Litchfield Co., Conn. Nov. 18, 1805, died in Spring Valley, Rock Co., Wisconsin October 7, 1866, aged 61 years, 10 months, 19 days, in christian hope.

#### Children of this marriage, Denison and Emily Alcott

1. Amelia, born May 4, 1826 in Kirkland, Oneida Co., N. Y., died August 3, 1846 in Westmoreland, Oneida Co., N. Y., at 11:45 M. o'clock P.M. of dysentary. The funeral was attended at the Baptist Chapel in that place on the 5th of August, Elder C. Read preached on the occasion from Isaiah 40:6 (Elder Caleb Read since dead) aged 20 years, 2 months, and 30 days. D. Alcott being at that time pastor of the Second Baptist church in Westmoreland.

2. Maria E., born October 31, 1827, in Sullivan, Mad. Co., N. Y. Married Henry Ezekiel Harris of Westmoreland, Oneida Co., in Clinton, Oneida Co., N. Y. by Elder Denison Alcott, father of Maria Feb. 18, 1851. Henry Harris born in October 23, 1826, son of Orris and Lucinda Harris. They now live in Rome, Oneida Co., N. Y. March 22, 1852, D. Alcott. (Later moved to Wisconsin, then to Sherburn, Minn. D.W.)

Orris Maria Harris, daughter of Henry and Maria E. Harris, born in Spring Valley, Rock Co., Wis., February 2, 1856

Emily Lucinda Harris, daughter of Henry and Maria E. Harris, born in Spring Valley, Rock Co., Wis., September 16, 1857

Henry E. Harris, died February 10, 1909, at Sherburn, Minn.

Maria E. Harris, died July 2, 1916, at Sherburn, Minn., Beloved by all

3. William Alcott, born in Fenner, Mad. Co., N. Y., July 31, 1833, died September 25, 1897, at Brodhead, Wisconsin.

Married to Olive Ann Palmer in Magnolia, Rock Co., Wisconsin, October 8, 1862 by Denison Alcott (his father) at the house of the bride's father. Olive Ann Palmer born April 12, 1833 in Orford, N. H., daughter of John N. and Ann Snow Palmer, died April 18, 1896.

#### Children of William and Olive Ann Alcott

Minnie Olive, born November 26, 1863, in Spring Valley, Rock Co., Wis. She married Augustus Wolfe of Gladstone, Michigan, October 10, 1889. Their children--Leigh Salmon, born March 4, 1894, in Gladstone, Mich.

Loris Anna, born June 7, 1895, in Gladstone, Mich.

Anna Maria, born May 4, 1866 in Spring Valley, Rock Co., Wis. She married Albert Palmer September 29, 1887.

Their son, Glenn Alcott Palmer, born December 19, 1888, married Florence Rice August 21, 1912, in Brodhead, Wis.

Marjorie Arlene Palmer, daughter of Glenn and Florence Palmer, born July 4, 1913, in Brodhead, Wis.

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2. Rosetta Alcott, born August 3, 1805, in Watertown, Litchfield Co. Connecticut. Married Alfred Churchill, October 23, 1828 in Wolcott, New Haven Co. Conn. Alfred Churchill born in Wolcott May 27, 1804, a farmer.



Rosetta Alcott Churchill, wife of Alfred Churchill, died Feb. 24, 1859, in Wolcott, New Haven, Co., Conn. on the farm where they first settled in 1828 when just married. Aged 55 years, 6 months and 21 days. Disease, typhoid lung fever of a few days. In Peace.

Alfred Churchill married in Bristol, Conn., April, 1860, to Samantha Dayton.





## Children of Rosetta and Alfred Churchill

1. Eveline Churchill, born in Wolcott, Conn. October 1830. Died of consumption March 21, 1847 in Wolcott on Sunday. Her grave in East Wolcott grave yard. Aged 16 years, 5 months, 18 days. Cut down in the bloom of life. (See page 3)

2. Howell Bronson Churchill, born in Wolcott July 11, 1833. Died of consumption New Haven County, Wolcott, Conn. November 15, 1855, aged 22 years.

3. Denison Alcott Churchill, born in Wolcott Feb. 5, 1837, died in Boston July 17, 1857. O Death! (See page I was in Connecticut at the time of his birth. D. Alcott.

4. Francis Gillette Churchill, born in Wolcott, Feb. 26, 1841. Died in Libbie Prison, March, 1864, a prisoner of war in the southern war of rebellion.

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3. Johnson Alcott, born Dec. 19, 1804, in Watertown, Conn. Died Jan. 23, 1872, aged 67 years, 1 month, 4 days. Married Harriet Merills, June 21, 1830, Wolcott, Conn.

Harriet Merills, born in Plymouth, Conn., Feb. 17, 1806. Died 1887

### Children of Johnson and Harriet Merills Alcott

1. Adaline Alcott, born in Wolcott, April 16, 1831. Died July 22, 1848, aged 17 years, 3 months.

2. Martha Alcott, born in Wolcott, March 20, 1833.

3. Emily Alcott, born in Wolcott, Jan. 3, 1837, died August 10, 1840 in Wolcott, 3 years, 7 months, and 7 days.

4. Burrit Ashley Alcott, born Wolcott, May 3, 1839.

5. Emma Jane Alcott, born in Wolcott, August 4, 1844. Married.

Martha Alcott married John Howd April 6, 1855 in Wolcott, New Haven Co., died 1897, aged 44. Mattie Adaline Howd born June 3, 1861. John Howd died suddenly Jan. 1, 1862, aged 38 years.

Burrit Ashley Alcott enlisted into Co. 22nd Reg. Wis. volunteers in August 1862; died of smallpox in hospital in Danville, Ky, 1863, war of rebellion of southern states which began in the year of 1861. Burrit was a Union soldier.

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4. Julia Anner Alcott, born October 12, 1836 in Plymouth, Litchfield Co., Conn. Married Willis Merills October 16, 1857. in Wolcott, Conn.

Willis Merills, born Jan. 22, 1803, in Wolcott, Conn. Note. His father's name was Silas, his mother's name was Silvia Alcott Curtis, a daughter of Abel C., my grandfather's sister. Willis is brother of Harriet, Johnson Alcott's wife.

### Children of Willis and Julia A. Merills



1. Harriet Merills, born Aug. 18, 1828, Wolcott, Conn., died Sept. 24, 1829 in Wolcott, Conn., aged 1 year, 1 month, 11 days.

2. Lucolia Merills, born March 30, 1831 in Wolcott, Conn. Married Timothy Root of New Britain April 18, 1861. (He was born in Farmington Co.) in Wolcott Conn., April 18, 1861. Jemmi Root, their daughter, born in Wolcott, New Haven Co, Conn.

3. Silvia Ann Merills, born March 3, 1836, Wolcott, Conn. Died May 29, 1836, in Wolcott, Conn., aged 2 months, 1 week, 3 days.

4. Juliaott Merills, born July 6, 1844, Wolcott, Conn., married Arthur W. Ashborn of Wolcottville, Conn., June 7, 1866. Children--Willis Merills born July 9, 1868; Addison Alcott, born March 26, 1870; Welton James born Jan. 5, 1872

Mary Caroline Norton Merills, born April 27, 1835, Wolcott, Conn. Caroline was taken into the family of Willis and Julia A. Merills when about 20 months old. They have brought her up and regard her as one of their own children; She married in Waterbury John D. Pritchard of Wolcott, Conn., March 26, 1857. Hatty, their daughter, born in Wolcott, New Haven Co., Conn. Jan. 28, 1859. Willey

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5. Addison Alcott, born September 6, 1806 in Plymouth, Litchfield Co., Conn., died Nov. 1887. Married Almira Norton, Sept. 12, 1838, in Wolcott. Almira Norton born June 21, 1815 in Wolcott. Her father's name was Osman Norton, her mother's name Hannah Alcott, daughter of James Alcott, my grandfather David Alcott's brother. Osman Norton died July 17, 1830. Addison is a wagon maker, now living in Medina, Ohio.

#### Children of Addison and Almira Alcott

Asos Emerson Alcott, born in Wolcott, Conn., June 2, 1839. Died in Medina, Medina Co., Ohio, October 16, 1842 at 2 o'clock Sunday morning.

Emerson Eugene Alcott, born in Montville, Medina, Ohio, Sept. 27, 1843. Died August 9, 1848 in Medina, Ohio.

May Elizabeth Alcott, born March 15, 1847 in Medina, Ohio.

Hannah Jane Alcott, born Aug. 22, 1849, in Medina, Ohio.

Celia Maria Alcott, born June 9, 1852 in Medina

Carrie Eugenia, born May 16, 1855, in Medina, Ohio. Died July 29, 1858, Medina, Ohio.

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6. Silvia Ann Alcott, born July 14, 1810, in Plymouth, Conn. Died Feb. 10, 1811 in Plymouth, aged 6 months, 27 days. Buried in Plymouth Hill cemetery

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7. Lucy Maria Alcott, born August 10, 1817, in Plymouth, Conn. Married William J. Foot, July 4, 1843, in Medina, Ohio., died Sept., 1899.



William J. Foot, born Sept. 10, 1817, in Mendon, Monroe Co., N. Y., died July 1, 1888. He was the son of Charles Foot, his grandfather and great-grandfather's names were Charles Foot. All born in Colchester, Conn. A genealogy of this family of Foot's has been published. William J. Foot is a brickmaker.

#### Children of William J. and Lucy M. Foot

Julia Maria Foot, born April 19, 1846, in Medina, Ohio

Eveline Amelia Foot, born March 30, 1848, Medina, Ohio

Charles Bronson Foot, born June 12, 1850, married Lizzie McConnell of Urbana at Springfield, Ill., Oct. 21, 1886, son Charles William born Feb. 17, 1889 in Champaign, Ill.

An infant still born March, 1852

Orloff William, born Dec. 14, 1856, Medina, Ohio; died July, 1887, caused by a charge from a gun in the hands of his brother Charles.

Carrie Eugenia, born Sept. 28, 1859, in Urbana, Ill., died March 13, 1860 in Urbana, Ill.

Franklin Willis, born April 13, 1861, in Urbana, Ill. This family now living in Urbana, Champaign Co., Ill. March 19, 1867, D. Alcott.

Note. Julia Maria (Rosetta) Foote, married Milton Mathews in Urbana, Champaign Co. Ill., October 18, Children--Geneva May; and Clyde Mathews, born Dec. 22, 1878 In Urbana.

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#### Names found in the Genealogy of the Foote family.

1. Friend Cook of Salisbury, N. Y.
2. Beriah Green, Esq.,
3. Jesse Foxwell
4. Hosea Bronson of Hebron
5. Adrian Foote, Baptist Minister
6. Benjamin T. Johnson of Rome, N. Y.
7. Lyman Beecher, D.D.
8. Roger M. Sherman
9. Samuel Reynolds, Parson R.



## BRONSON FAMILY

It appears from Amos B. Alcott's researches and examinations of records that our family were first found in Hartford, Conn. in 1636. A man by the name of Richard Bronson and another by the name of John, supposed to be the son of Richard. John came to Hartford in 1636 and was living there in 1639, went to Farmington in 1641 and died there in 1680. Isaac, his son, to Waterbury from whom we are descended in direct line. According to this it would stand thus in genealogy.

Richard, living in Hartford in 1639  
John, " moved to Farmington in 1641, died 1680  
Isaac, born in Farmington, went to Waterbury, born 1645  
John Sr., born 1673  
John Jr., born Waterbury 1701  
Amos Sr. born 1731  
Sylvia (married Alcott) born Plymouth, Conn., 1776  
Denison Alcott, born Wolcott, 1801  
Maria Alcott, Sullivan, Mad. Co., N. Y. 1827

Chloe Bronson, youngest daughter of John Jr. Bronson married Col. Wm. Barker, Nine Partners, N. Y.

The Bronson family married into the following families and are hence connected with them by blood--Root, Hickcock, Baldwin, Blakslee.

Note. I have been informed by my cousin Isaac Bronson of Medina, Ohio, that our branch of the Bronson family settled at first in Stratford, Fairfield Co. Conn., that the records of that town show this (so said Uncle Tillotson, his father) and that they emigrated from Ireland.

My grandfather Capt. Amos Bronson married Anner Blakslee. Uncle Noah says my grandmother's father's name was Jacob Blakslee and that his father's name was Ebenezer. See page

Being at Uncle Noah's in Feb. 1854, he showed me a paper that cousin A. B. Alcott left him containing the following, or this is an abstract--

The emigrating ancestor whose name was Richard Bronson lived in Hartford, Conn. in 1639, came there in 1636. His son John lived there also and his son Isaac born in 1645. His son John born 1673. His son John born in 1701. His son Amos, my grandfather born 1731. John the first went to Farmington 1641 and died in Farmington 1680. Isaac to Waterbury to form a settlement there. Medina, Feb. 27, 1854, D. Alcott.

## Relatives on the side of my mother. Bronson Family

The Bronsons from whom I am descended were from men of the name who settled in New or North Haven, Conn. early in its history. I believe they came from England or Wales, but I do not know positively, having no means of ascertaining as to that.

John Bronson (as this was the orthography of the name in early times) settled a few miles north from the place afore mentioned, as I suppose





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from the fact that I find in the genealogy of the Poote family mention made of three men of the name of Poote forming a connexion in marriage with three of John Bronson Jr.'s daughters who then resided in Waterbury, New Haven Co., Conn. and I infer that there must have been a John Sr. somewhere in those parts; and these three sisters were sisters of my mother's father, Amos Bronson. (Note, I find the name spelled differently, Brownson, Brumson, and Bronson, which latter is the now common way of spelling it)

I learn that, as my mother says, that John Bronson, her grandfather, took up a tract of land one mile square in the town of Plymouth, Litchfield Co., Connecticut, when it was a wilderness, and I have heard my Uncle Noah Bronson tell of his father, Amos Bronson's, being on this place with his father plowing etc. on the tract where my grandfather settled and lived and died.

My mother says her grandfather, John Jr. went to Armenia Co. of Dutchess, N. Y. to live and died in that county and state in Nine Partners. For further information see page 5.

Mother says again, that her great-grandfather John Sr. married Comfort Baldwin and the genealogy of the Foot family says he married Comfort Baldwin of Cheshire.

As before stated, Capt. Amos Bronson settled on the tract of land that his father took up. A portion of this was owned by him, on which he commended in early life and always lived and died. It appears that he came in possession of the homestead of his father, and on the old farm of her father my mother showed me last fall remains of the cellar where stood her grandfather, John Jr.'s house, but nearly all traces of where stood her father's house are obliterated--the tooth of time has devoured them.

My grandfather's old farm lies in a narrow valley, or rather hollow, with an outlet on the northwest and southwest and northeast. It lies unenclosed between the hills and rocks. On the north and west the Jerico rocks, forming the southern boundary of Jericho Mountain, lifts its awful form, on the east Mount Toby, and on the west and south Bacon Hill, rather grand the view. The Housatonic River passes thru this valley and separates the farm, leaving a portion on the west and a portion on the east. It appears rather dismal to one who has spent his life on a plain. Some very good land, however. Here in this place and on this farm I lived when quite a small boy and some of my earliest recollections are of scenes that transpired in this valley. Yes, nearly the first, when my father removed to this place. I remember when the old barn now standing on this farm was raised. And in this river I caught my first fish and often after took them.

I said there was a passage out at the northwest, but hardly so. The river had made its way thru but only space for itself to pass. But in process of time a turnpike was made and opened from Winchester to Waterbury passing down this river and thru Bronsonvale, and by blasting the rocks and laying up a wall confining the river to more narrow limits, a passage for teams, a turnpike, was made. The old passage was at the northeast pass up Great Brook, or Sawmill Brook, to Plymouth Hill and around Church Hollow. Bronsonvale was situated in the southern part of Plymouth township. Here I lived, nor dreamed of a larger, or better place.

In the month of September, 1851, I passed over these fields and took a view of the old orchard and roads, but O, how changed, how different they appeared to me in my earliest childhood! The rocks were there, but as I gazed upon their towering heights, their lofty summits, their dingy and old appearance, I felt somewhat gloomy, and thought life was a dream.



But one thing more--Among the grand and the useful inventions of the day the railroad claims attention. The enterprising spirit of the age had contemplated and actually completed a railroad thru the valley of the Naugatuc and the Steam Horse was actually propelling the huge car along the track with its hundred passengers and the locomotives with their freight cars passing almost hourly. This work of art also passed thru the center of my grandfather's farm in Bronsonvale.

I did a moment pause and say, "What would my old grandfiro say if he were to rise from his grave and occupy a moment on an eminence where I stood that overlooked this road." He would say, "Oh, how changed", and return to his bed of dust.

Indeed I passed twice over this part of the road in a car for the purpose of viewing this wonderful work. At the northwestern pass, to make way for the railway, the old turnpike (which was there when I was born) had by the use of gunpowder been driven farther upon Jericho's Mount, or rather the mount has been lessened by the work of art and the old Naugatuc had been confined to a narrower passage to make way for the railway which also found a passage.

Will the time come that vehicles will fly in the air?

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Note. It is said by Mother that on account of different opinions on religion existing between my grandfather and his father, they separated the one from the other, the old gentlemen saying if one church could not contain them both, one house could not and so the old man left. Uncle Noah says my grandfather's father was a Baptist when he died. In early life my grandfather was a Congregationalist. In after life he became an Episcopalian, and died such. He was a Whig.

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#### BRONSON FAMILY

John Bronson Sr., Married Comfort Baldwin, daughter of Wm. Baldwin

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John Bronson Jr. son of John Sr. and Comfort Baldwin

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Children of John Bronson Jr.

Capt. Amos Bronson, died Sept. 2, 1819, aged 88

Hannah Bronson, born March 6, 1734, married David T. Foote Feb. 28, 1752. He was killed in the army. Hannah died 1795, aged 61 years.

Mary Bronson, born Feb. 25, 1739, married Aaron Foote Nov. 13, 1760, Died Feb. 10, 1824. They have descendants in Kirkland, and Clinton, Oneida Co., N. Y. by the name of Foote, Curtis, and Hubbard. There is Jedidiah Curtis, farmer, bachelor; Samuel Foote, bellringer and sexton of the Congregational Chapel, West Clinton; Samuel Hubbard, farmer and a bachelor.

Thankful Bronson, born Sept. 6, 1736, married Moses Foote Aug. 12,



Sept. 5, 1757, aged 21

1756. Shameful died young, leaving an only child whose name was Bronson Foote. Moses Foote Esq. married and had a number of children, two or three of his daughters maiden ladies, now live in Clinton, Oneida Co. N. Y. (March 15, 1852) Moses Foote Esq. son of Moses Sr.

One grandson, Thomas Foote is a prominent man, has been minister from United States to some foreign power, New Grenada, S.A.

Moses Foote, Jr. Esq. settled in Clinton, being one of the first settlers of the place and a prominent man. His son Bronson came with him and always to the day of his death lived in Clinton. He has sons living there.

Children of Bronson Foote--Moses Foote, married Emily Gridley Feb. 14, 1831 in Clinton, N. Y. They have children.

Orange Foote, and six others--children of Bronson Foote.

There are also descendants of Bronson sisters who married Footes living in Sheffield, Berkshire Co., Mass.

John Bronson 3rd, born Dec. 22, 1742

Oliver Bronson, born Dec. 29, 1745

John Bronson, Jr., had brothers Joseph, Samuel, Ezra. My Uncle Noah says I knew my Uncle Ezra when I was a boy, and where each of my father's uncles died.

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My Grandfather, Capt. Amos Bronson

Capt. Amos Bronson, born Feb. 3, 1750. Married Anner Blakslée in Plymouth, Church Hollow, Litchfield Co., Conn. Died in Plymouth Sept. 2, 1819, aged 68 years. Buried in Plymouth cemetery on Plymouth Hill.

Anner Blakslée, died in Plymouth, Conn., Dec. 8, 1800, aged 68 years of consumption. Buried on Plymouth Hill.

Capt. Amos Bronson married second time Widow Sarah Olds. She died Feb. 23, 1822, aged 80 years, in Cheshire. Buried in Cheshire, Conn. (see page 5) I have heard my mother say that in the Revolution as my grandfather was a Whig, she has known him to go out and hide while Tories came and waited for him in the house. (See page 24)

My grandmother, Anner Blakslée was from Church Hollow. In the graveyard in that place lie her father and mother and many other relatives, Asher Blakslée, her brother and others. (See page 31. I wrote to Postmaster at Thomaston, Conn. inquiring the date of death of Asher Blakslée. He wrote me that Leavitt Smith informed him that he died April 19, 1814. Said Smith lived with him at that time. Typhus fever. Buried in Masonic order. I saw him when dead in his own house. I wrote from Brookhead, Green Co., Wis. May 3 and the answer May 22, 1860. D. Alcott.

Children of Capt. Amos and Anner Bronson

1. Lucy
2. Phoebe
3. Zerah, born Jan. 22, 1758
4. Jomar, died at 4 years
5. Silvia, died at 16 years
6. Tillotson, born in Plymouth, Conn. Jan. 8, 1762, died Sept. 6, 1826





7. Noah, died at 1 year, 4 months
8. Noah Miles
9. Amos, born in Plymouth, died in Pennsylvania about 1824
10. Anner
11. Sarah
12. Silvia, born Nov. 22, 1776, died Sept. 18, 1855 in Medina, O.  
Buried in Weymouth, Ohio.

1. Lucy Bronson, married Isaac Barnes. They settled in Camden, Oneida Co., N. Y. when it was a wilderness. Reared a large family. There they died and there they are buried. The names of their children, Ezra, Lowly, Lois, Isaac, Salah, Tillotson, Demas

2. Phoebe Bronson, married Joash Seymour, married second time Stephen Sanford. Joash committed suicide by drowning himself in Housatonic River near my grandfather's farm.

Stephen Sanford died in Northfield, Litchfield Co., Conn. (a miser)

Phoebe died in Ohio May 13, 1825, aged 83 years.

Names of their children--Miles, Jacob, Margaret, John, Joel, Lathrop, this last married Betsey Buell, my first school teacher. He died in Ohio Dec. 16 1834, aged 49 years, 1 month, 2 days, in Weymouth near an old fortification on Rocky River.

John Seymour married Abigail Peck and died Nov. 5, aged 72 years.

Abigail, John's wife died May 2, 1851, aged 87. He (John) has a son now (1952) living at Weymouth--pastor of the Presbyterian, or Congregational church, having just married a widow. He is about 40 years old.

Ruliah, wife of Miles Seymour, died at Weymouth, Ohio, March 15, 1862 aged 65. Miles is dead and he is buried at Weymouth, Ohio, and his children some of them live in Ohio.

3. Zerah Bronson, born Jan. 22, 1758, (see page 10 and 25) Married Aaron Walton Jan. 13, 1777 in Plymouth, Conn. Died April 3, 1836 in Medina, Ohio, buried in Weymouth, Ohio.

4. Jemar Bronson ( see page 25)

5. Silvia Bronson (see page 25)

6. Rev. Tillotson Bronson D.D., born Jan. 8, 1752, died Sept. 6, 1826 (See page 4) Married Hannah Thompson, daughter of Hzekiah Thompson of Woodbury, Conn., Nov. 9, 1797. She died Feb. 28, 1836.

Married second time Polly Hotchkiss of Hampden, Conn., March 9, 1809 She died in Cheshire Sept. 26, 1836, aged 57 years. Polly born Nov. 12, 1769.

He was an Episcopal minister and a D.D.

Names of his children by first wife, Fanny, Rebecca (maiden), Isaac (bachelor), Ravinia (maiden) and Charles, he is in Kentucky.

Child by his second wife, Amos T., (see page 5)

Eliza married a Tuttle. All in Ohio except Charles

7. Noah Bronson (see above)

8. Noah Miles Bronson, born July 15, 1767, in Plymouth, Conn. Married Betsey Ives Oct. 12, 1794 in Plymouth, Conn. They live in Medina, Ohio. He was a farmer and contractor in Conn. Settled in Medina, Ohio, when a forest, a farmer and a county judge. Children (Page 26)

Emilia (see page 4)

Sherman, a merchant in Ohio, B. Oct. 17, 1800; d. Nov. 10, 1835

Hiram, a merchant and sheriff in Medina, Ohio. Born July 23, 1802,





8. Oliver P. Bronson, born Dec. 13, 1807, died Oct. 23, 1841.  
Married in Hartford Conn. Feb. 22, 1808, died same day.  
Charles Allen Bronson, born in Ohio May 23, 1817, died Oct. 12, 1834,  
aged 17

9. Amos Bronson, married Hannah Thomas, removed to Pennsylvania. He had an impediment in his speech caused by the rickets. He died in Pennsylvania. Children of Amos--John, Harriet, Labe. They all live in Pennsylvania (It is believed that John lives in Lafayette, Ind. Jan. 30/55. D.A.)

10. Anna Bronson, born Edmeston, N. Y. August 15, 1863. Married Joseph Alcott of Wolcott, New Haven Co., Conn., Oct. 13, 1796. He died in Wolcott April 3, 1829, aged 58. She now lives at Oriskany Falls, Oneida Co., N. Y. Her children

Betsy, died at 5 months

Amos Bronson Alcott, born in Wolcott, Nov. 29, 1799. Married Abigail May, May 23, 1830 at King's Chapel, Boston, she born Oct. 8, 1800, in Boston; she a sister of the distinguished Rev. Mr. Samuel J. May of Syracuse, N. Y., a Unitarian preacher. (He came from Boston and now lives in Boston, Mass. Has been a teacher and to some extent an author, has figured some in the community excitement, etc. He has children. He is somewhat eccentric and wild in his views, but probably a good man.) See page 28 & 29.

Chatfield, born Oct. 23, 1801 in Wolcott, New Haven Co., Conn. (see page ) Thrice married. First Nancy Comstock of Paris, Oneida Co., N. Y., April 10, 1847 (She ~~was~~ died March 24, 1828) by whom he had one child Martha Ann. She was married to Joseph Stebbins March 10, 1847, and died July 6, 1847 at Oriskany Falls, N. Y., no children. Second, Miss Miranda Bailey April 3, 1831 (she born April 25, 1803, died Oct. 20, 1869) Children of second marriage, Joseph Squire Alcott, born July 18, 1834; Abba May Alcott born Feb. 10, 1838; Frederick Bronson Alcott born Oct. 2, 1841, died Oct. 9, 1842. Third, Miss Thanaful Hotchkiss of Paris, Oneida Co., N. Y., Sept. 7, 1870.

Joseph Squire Alcott married Diantha Goslin 1863. They have three children now, March 28, 1875. D. Alcott.

Abba May Alcott married Anson Allen April, 1868. They live in Rochester, N. Y. at this date, March. 20, 1875, and have two children.

Chatfield Alcott died in Oswego, N. Y. August 23, 1879. Retired as well as usual and found dead in his bed. 78 years old lacking 2 months. (This with red ink entered Jan. 7, 1880. Denison Alcott, aged 73 years, 2 months)

Pamela and Paulina (twins) Pamela married James Baily. Paulina married Ransom Gaylord. both dead.

Betsy, married Pardee

Phoebe, married William Norton. She is dead and left children. He is a drunkard, or drinker at least.

George, died

Amrose, a machinist living at Oriskany Falls, N. Y. He married and has children.

Junius S., an inventor and machinist at Oriskany Falls, N. Y. Married. He has been at times deranged and once in Wolcott, Conn., attempted to put an end to his life by cutting throat. He committed suicide at the Falls April 20, 1852. A good man, fell into "Spiritual Manifestations". Crushed in the machinery of a grist mill.

11. Rachel Bronson. Married three times, first Solomon Parker; second Darius Orton. They settled in Williamstown, Oswego Co., N. Y. Had an orchard of 1200 trees. Children. She is dead. Third marriage

12. Silvia Bronson, born Nov. 22, 1776, in Plymouth, Conn. Married Madam Alcott 1802 in Plymouth, Conn. He born in Wolcott, New Haven Co., Conn. Sept. 14, 1779; died in Watertown, Conn., Jan. 13, 1829, aged 49 years, 3 months 29 days. (See page 17) Widow Silvia Alcott died at Medina, Ohio, Sept. 16, 1855.



Tuesday at 11 o'clock A. M., aged 78 years, 10 months, and 27 days. Peaceful and in Christian hope.

Children of Medad and Silvia Alcott (See page 17)  
Denison Alcott, born Nov. 8, 1801 (see page 17)  
Rosetta Alcott, born Aug. 3, 1803 (see page 18 & 19)  
Johnson Alcott, born Dec. 19, 1804 (see page 19)  
Julia A. Alcott, born Oct. 12, 1806 (see page 19 & 20)  
Addison Alcott, born Sept. 6, 1808 (see page 20)  
Silvia Ann Alcott, born July 14, 1810 (see page 20)  
Lucy M. Alcott, born Aug. 10, 1817 (see page 20 & 21)  
For further particulars see pages 17-21.

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#### Family of Uncle Noah Miles Bronson (See Pages 26 & 27)

Noah Miles Bronson born in Plymouth, Conn., July 15, 1767. Married Betsey Ives Oct. 12, 1794 in Plymouth.

Betsey Ives born in Plymouth, Conn. March 11, 1779.

#### Children

Emilia Bronson born in Plymouth Oct. 5, 1798; died in Plymouth of a scald Nov. 14, 1800.  
Sherman Bronson in Plymouth, Conn. July 28, 1802; died Nov. 13, 1835 in Medina, Ohio, aged 33 years. Married Harriet Oviatt in Richfield, Ohio. After Sherman's death, she married Elder Randall, a Baptist minister; they now live in Columbus, Ohio. (Jan. 4, 1853. D. Alcott) Emilia Bronson, daughter of Sherman Bronson, born in Medina, Ohio, Feb. 29, 1831, and died in Columbus, Ohio, of typhus fever January 27, 1848, aged 16 years. She was a good girl. Sherman Newton Bronson, son of Sherman, lives in Columbus, Ohio, now 17 years old. Dec. 1852.  
Hiram Bronson, born in Plymouth, Conn. July 26, 1802. Married Mary Ann Stevens August 6, 1829, in Medina, Ohio. Children-- Elizabeth Emilia Bronson, born August 14, 1830, died Dec. 24, 1830 in Ohio  
Hellen Mary Bronson, born Dec. 9, 1831 in Medina, Ohio. Married David King Oct. 22, 1851. He is a merchant and lives in Columbus, Ohio at this time, Dec., 1852. D. Alcott.  
Infant son, born and died in Plymouth Feb. 22, 1805.  
Samuel Freeman Bronson, born Plymouth, Dec. 13, 1807; died Oct. 23 1834 in Medina, Ohio.  
Chauncey Ives Bronson, born in Medina May 23, 1817, died Oct. 12, 1834 in Medina, Ohio.

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#### Family of Amos Bronson Alcott, son of Anna Bronson (See Page 27)

Abigail May Alcott, wife of Amos Bronson Alcott, died in Concord, Mass., aged 77 years.

#### Children of Amos B. and Abigail May Alcott

Anna Bronson Alcott, born in Germantown, Pa., March 16, 1831.  
Married John B. Pratt of Concord, Mass., May 23, 1830. He died Nov. 27, 1870.  
Children-- Frederick Alcott Pratt, born March 23, 1833; John Sewall Pratt, born June 24, 1836.  
Louisa May Alcott, born in Germantown, Pa., Nov. 29, 1832  
Elizabeth Sewall Alcott, born in Boston, June 24, 1835, died in Concord, Mass., March 14, 1858



May Alcott, born in Concord, Mass., July 26, 1840. Married Ernest Nieriker, son of a Swiss banker. They were married in Paris, France. She died in Paris in 1880.

### Clippings

"Mrs. Bronson Alcott, wife of A. Bronson Alcott and the mother of Miss Louisa, charming teller of stories, died at Concord, Sunday evening, aged 77. The daughter of Col Joseph May of Boston, she was married in 1830, and has impressed the energy and sweetness of character upon the world thru her family. Her funeral occurs this week Wednesday, and the bereaved family will have the sincere sympathy of many friends in this region and wherever Miss Alcott's books are read, and that is thruout the civilized world. Besides the beloved author, Mrs. Pratt, the mother of "Little Men" and Miss May, now pursuing her art abroad, mourn a mother's loss".

### "Death of a Character in Little Women

"May Alcott, youngest daughter of Bronson Alcott, and sister of Louisa M. Alcott, died in Paris on Tuesday last, aged near 40. She is best known to the public by being one of the characters in Louisa Alcott's 'Little Women'. Two or three years ago she went abroad to study painting, having first studied under the late William M. Hunt. Last year she met in England Ernest Nieriker, son of a Swiss banker, and married him soon after, an event wholly unexpected by her friends. She had painted in this year's Paris Salons, and has resided in Paris lately."

### "Little Women.

Mrs. May Alcott Nieriker

"Last week we quoted some suggestions made by Mrs. May Alcott Nieriker in her little book entitled 'Studying Art Abroad'. By almost the next mail we received tidings of her death. The following editorial in Woman's Journal will be of interest to the many readers of 'Little Women', and to those who will deeply sympathize with the gentle philosopher of Concord and with Louisa Alcott in this sorrow that has come to their hearts and home:

"The news of the death of Mr. May Alcott Nieriker saddened the New Year's festivities and throws a cloud of grief over a large circle of friends. We will not speak of the deep and sacred sorrow of her own family. A very large circle of those who never saw her felt a tender feeling toward the youngest of the Little Women. The Amy of the story, if not a literal portrait possessed many of the graceful and winning traits which endeared Mrs. Nieriker to her circle of friends. A pure transparent simplicity, a youthful freshness of feeling, genuine interest in the progress of others, earnest striving after excellence herself with a sweet willingness to be taught--and to accept criticism however severe, only as a help to correct her errors and improve in her art--were the traits which came most prominently to our mind in thinking of her now. She was always a lover of art, but soon gave up the pursuit of music, and devoted herself wholly to drawing. Mrs. Murdock's lessons and Dr. Rimmer's instructions gave her her first training, and she gained needed self-knowledge as a teacher. She was very successful with her pupils. When thru the liberality of her distinguished sister she could fulfill the desire of her heart in going to Europe, she devoted herself to study, and her progress was rapid. Her copies from Turner received high praise and a ready sale, and she had the sweet satisfaction of supporting herself without longer taxing her generous sister.

"The unselfish mother so well portrayed in the Mrs. March of 'Little Women' felt the separation from her youngest pit, but, like a true New England woman, she refused to call her home, saying: 'No, May is getting what she needs, and I am happier to know that than to have her with me, feeling that she is not



improving in her art."

"It was a deep grief to the daughter to be absent from the home circle when that mother passed away, and it was tender sympathy in that sorrow which first brought out the love which united her to Mr. Mierikor. It was most consoling to know that her married life was thoroly happy, and that her husband's mother and sister were with her during her illness, giving her all the care and tenderness which her friends could ask for her.

"Yet we must mourn when a life so pure, true, and loving is cut off midway, and the wife, mother, daughter, sister is no more. Mourn not without gratitude for her life, not without hope for the future, but with aching hearts now.

"But her life is not in vain; thousands will turn again to the sweet story of her girlhood, and learn new lessons from it. Her last work was to complete a little book of advice to young artists, who, like herself, wished to study abroad with narrow pecuniary means. It will have a special interest now.

E.D. C. "







## BLAKSLEE FAMILY

My wife's relatives. D. Alcott.

Note. I was on a visit at Medina, Ohio, in December, 1852, when Uncle Noah M. Bronson related to me the following:

There is in the possession of men in Wallingford, Connecticut, the anvil and the vice that were brought from England by two Blakslee's in the early settlement of Boston. They commenced business in Boston as blacksmiths but soon removed to New Haven, Conn., not liking Boston, and that the land on which Boston is built, a portion of it is in litigation in the Courts--the Blakslees being the plaintiffs in the case. Rome., Oneida Co., N. Y. Jan. 4/53  
D. Alcott.

The Blakslees sprang from one or more of the name who emigrated from North Haven in early times and settled in the valley of the Naugatuc in the north part of the town of Plymouth, which in after times took the name of Church Hollow from the fact that first Episcopal edifice for worship in this town was erected here.

The Blakslees originally were Congregationalists, but many of them and nearly all embraced the views of the Episcopal church, or as it then was at that early day the Church of England, and were and have been to this day numbered among the strongest and most firm adherents and faithful defenders of that faith.

From these my wife is descended and myself in the line of my grandmother on my mother's side. I suppose they were descended from a stock emigration from England. The monuments in the graveyard in that place bear inscription of the name, very many of them. (See pages 25, 5 and 6)

### Early Blakslee's Family--Ancestors

The great-grandfather and great-grandmother of Emily, my wife

David Blakslee, married  
Elizabeth Howe

Son of David and Elizabeth Howe Blakslee

Eli Blakslee, born 1752, died Dec. 6, 1826, aged 74, in Paris, Oneida Co., N. Y. Married  
Lettis Curtis, born 1756, died May 20, 1830, aged 74, in Paris, N.Y.

Children of Eli and Lettis Blakslee

1. Prue
2. Orpha
3. Charles, born Dec. 26, 1778 in Plymouth, Conn.
4. Noah
5. Asa
6. Child died
7. Vela
8. Lyman
9. Edith
10. Mark
11. Phoebe



### Clippings

"LAW.-- In Westmoreland, March 30, 1881, George W. Law, in the 82nd year of his age.

"Funeral services will be held at the Bartlett Baptist Church Sunday morning, at 11 o'clock."

"Death of a Patriarch. George W. Law died at his home in Westmoreland, on Wednesday, in the 82nd year of his age. Deceased has lived on the same farm, about one mile northwest of Bartlett station, for about half a century, and leaves a large circle of friends and relatives who are deeply afflicted at his death. He will be buried on Sunday from the Bartlett Baptist Church, of which he has been an earnest and consistent member ever since its organization."



12. Eli

13. Lucy, born Sept. 1, 1798 in Paris, Oneida Co., N. Y.

1. Prue Blaklee, born 1775, married Isaac Ives, died Aug. 28, 1808, aged 33, in Paris, Oneida Co., N. Y. Isaac born 1769, died May 21, 1812, aged 44, in Paris, N. Y.

Children of Isaac and Prue Ives

Stephen Ives, married Harriet Hall in Sullivan, Mad. Co., N. Y.

Children--Henry Ives; Mary Ives; Samuel Ives (died young);

Susannah Ives, married Ralph Phillips Nov. 2, 1826, Children  
Diantha and others

2. Orpha Blaklee, married Samuel Parker

Children of Samuel and Orpha Parker

Ambrose Parker, married Ruby Metcalf, lives in Penn., children  
Cyrus Parker, married Lavina Gridley, lives in Ohio, children  
Olive Parker

Clarissa Parker, married Charles Lester (deaf and dumb), have  
three children

Charles Parker

Eli Parker

Samuel Parker

3. Charles Blaklee, father of my wife Emily, born Dec. 26, 1778, in Plymouth, Litchfield Co., Conn.; died April 20, 1856 in Kirkland, Oneida Co., N. Y. in hope of a better resurrection. Married

Elizabeth Smith in Litchfield, Conn., April 13, 1802. She was born in Litchfield, Conn., Sept. 20, 1779. Note. Elizabeth was the daughter of Jacob and Mary Lewis Smith (see page 6) She died in peace at Paris, Oneida Co., N. Y., Jan. 28, 1856.

Children of Charles and Elizabeth Blaklee

1. Harriet Blaklee, born July 11, 1804, Litchfield, Conn.

2. Emily Blaklee, born Nov. 18, 1805, Litchfield, (see page 34)

3. Mary Blaklee, born Nov. 2, 1807, Litchfield, Conn.

4. Jacob Smith Blaklee, born Aug. 18, 1811, Plymouth, Conn.

5. Eli Blaklee, born Feb. 19, 1809, Plymouth, Conn., died March 13 1813. (See page 35)

6. Elizabeth Blaklee, born Dec. 10, 1815, Plymouth, Conn.

7. Levi Blaklee, born Aug. 23, 1818, Smithfield, Mad. Co., N. Y.

1. Harriet Blaklee, born July 11, 1804, Litchfield, Conn., Married George Washington Law April 15, 1823 of Westmoreland, Oneida Co., N. Y., in Kirkland, N. Y. by Rev. Wm. R. Weeks, Congregational minister. George W. Law born Jan. 27, 1800, in Paris, Oneida Co., N. Y.; died in Westmoreland, N. Y., of a cancer March 30, 1881, at 9 o'clock P.M., aged 81 years, 2 months, 3 days; interred in burying ground near Baptist meeting house in Bartlett, N. Y., April 3, 1881 at 10 o'clock A.M., Elder James Dickrell of Westmoreland preached on the occasion. (Nearby Dr. Samuel Isbell, Stort, Barr, and Barrett by request of deceased) Note. He was the son of Consider and Sarah Grumlands Law.



Consider Law died August 4, 1880, aged 64  
Sarah G. Law, died March 2, 1840, aged 73

Children of George W. and Harriet B. Law

1. Adelia Law, born Jan. 14, 1824, in Westmoreland, Oneida Co. N.Y.
2. Mary Law, born Nov. 26, 1825, in Westmoreland
3. George Consider Law, born Oct. 10, 1828, in Westmoreland
4. Eli Blacklee Law, born April 18, 1830, in Westmoreland
5. Sarah Elisabeth Law, born Aug. 9, 1832, in Westmoreland
6. Cornelia Law, born Oct. 10, 1834, in Westmoreland
7. Jane Elisabeth Law, born March 7, 1837, in Westmoreland
8. Charles B. Law, born March 24, 1840, in Westmoreland
9. Josephine Adaline Law, born May 23, 1842, in Westmoreland

1. Adelia Law, born Jan. 14, 1824, in Westmoreland, N.Y. Married Ephraim Bessee, August 22, 1844 in Westmoreland by Elder Denison Alcott, pastor of Second Baptist church in that town. (See page 17) Their Children  
Rollo Denolson Bessee, born July 12, 1845, in Westmoreland, died 1874  
Dewitt Bessee, born Aug. 5, 1847, Westmoreland  
Deamye Bessee, born Aug. 5, 1847, in Westmoreland  
Allice Josephine Bessee, born May 17, 1849, Westmoreland  
Agnes Rosette Bessee, born Dec. 5, 1850, Westmoreland, died 1875

2. Mary Law, born, Nov. 26, 1825, in Westmoreland, N.Y. Married Giles H. Judson, September 14, 1848 in Westmoreland by Elder Denison Alcott (above)  
Giles H. Judson born Sept. 30, 1824 in Rome, Oneida Co., N.Y.; died in Vernon, Oneida Co., N.Y. Jan. 27, 1853. Note. Giles the son of David and Harriet Miller Judson. Giles and Mary members of the Baptist Church. They now live in Vernon  
March 16, 1852, D. Alcott. Giles is a wagon maker. Their children

Harriet Adella Judson, born Jan. 4, 1850 in Vernon. Married Jerome B. Dunn, July 17, 1865. He was born Jan. 25, 1843 in Benton, Laclede Co., N.Y.

Anna B. Judson, born Feb. 6, 1852 in Vernon and died Aug. 6, 1852 in Vernon

Mary Law Judson married E. H. Webster in Lisbon, Ill. He was born Feb. 22, 1813 in Vermont. Children of Mary Law and E. H. Webster

George L. Webster, born in Lisbon, Ill. Nov. 28, 1855.

Lizzie Webster, born in Lisbon June 22, 1860, married Elms Walters Nov. 27, 1879. He was born in Centerville, Ohio, Aug. 1, 1853

Charles Webster born in Lisbon Sept. 30, 1865

Oliver Webster born in Alstead, N.H.

Sally Phelps born in Alstead, N.H.

3. George C. Law, born Oct. 10, 1828, Westmoreland, N.Y. Married Petsey Curtis in Westmoreland March 17, 1852. She is the daughter of Rev. A. S. Curtis, pastor of Baptist church in Westmoreland. George is a member of the Baptist church, baptised by Elder Denison Alcott. Daughter born in Westmoreland N.Y. 1856.

4. Eli B. Law, born April 18, 1830 in Westmoreland. Eli is a member of a Baptist church and a licensed minister and a member of the Madison University studying for the ministry. Baptised by Rev. D. Alcott. Married May Louisa Payne of Hamilton, Mad. Co., N.Y., Aug. 20, 1857. E. B. Law ordained in Hampton Falls, N.H., Oct. 28, 1857.

5. Sarah Elisabeth Law born Aug. 9, 1832 in Westmoreland, died Oct. 28, 1837, aged 5 years, 2 months, and 19 days.

6. Cornelia Law, born Oct. 10, 1834, in Westmoreland, N.Y. Cornelia is a member of the Baptist church, baptised by D. Alcott. Married Edgar Williams of Westmoreland 1857.





7. Jane Elisabeth Law, born March 7, 1837, Westmoreland, N.Y. Jane is a member of the Baptist church, baptised by Rev. D. Alcott. Married Freeman Parker Long of Deerfield, N.H., a Baptist preacher.

8. Charles B. Law, born March 24, 1840 in Westmoreland. Killed in battle near Fort Darling May 16, 1864.

9. Josephine Adialine Law, born May 23, 1842 in Westmoreland. Died July 24, 1844 in Westmoreland. A bright and sprightly little girl. I loved her.

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2. Emily Blakeslee (See page 16) Born Nov. 18, 1805, Litchfield Co., Conn. Married Denison Alcott, June 23, 1825 in Kirkland, N.Y. by Rev. Algeron Sydney Hollister, an Episcopal minister, pastor of the Episcopal church on Paris Hill, Oneida County, N.Y. Denison is now pastor of the Baptist church in Clinton, Oneida Co., N.Y. Emily is a member of the Baptist church.

Children (See page 18)

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3. Mary Blakeslee, born Nov. 2, 1807, in Litchfield, Conn. Married Willis Porter Ward October 25, 1825 in Kirkland, N.Y. Willis P. Ward born February 26, 1804. He is now keeping a hotel in Michigan City, Indiana. March 16, 1852, D. Alcott. He died in Michigan City April 3, 1863, aged 59 years, 1 month, 6 days. Mary Blakeslee Ward died at St. Joseph, Mich. July 29, 1874.

Children of Willis P. and Mary B. Ward

1. A son born Dec. 16, 1827, died same day in Kirkland, N.Y.
2. Henry Charles Ward, born July 16, 1829, Kirkland; died August 4, 1846 in Westchester, Indiana, aged 17 years, 19 days. Death caused by a fall from a horse. He was a promising young man and quite a scholar.
3. Caroline Ward, born Sept. 22, 1831, in New Hartford, Oneida Co., N.Y.; married John Roder May 27, 1850 in Michigan City, Ind. by Mr. Brown, Episcopal minister. Mary Adella Roder born Nov. 20, 1853 in Porter Co., Iowa.
4. Mary Ward, born August 26, 1833 in New Hartford, N.Y. Married Rev. Samuel Thrall Cooper Oct. 13, 1852 in Westchester, Ind. (A Methodist minister)

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4. Jacob Smith Blakeslee, born August 16, 1811 in Plymouth, Litchfield Co., N.Y. Married Esther Maria Parmelee March 23, 1831 in Kirkland by Rev. Dr. Asahel Norton, Congregationalist of Clinton. Esther M. Parmelee, born August 19, 1809 in Paris, N.Y., daughter of Chester Parmelee and Madassah Mitchell Parmelee. Chester Parmelee died March 11, 1852 in Kirkland, N.Y., aged.

Jacob S. and Esther M. Blakeslee now live in Michigan City, Ind. Jacob, a farmer. (Clinton, March 16, 1852. D. Alcott)

Children of Jacob S. and Esther M. Blakeslee

1. Julia Emeline Blakeslee, born Jan. 2, 1832, Kirkland, N.Y. Married William Johnson at Michigan City, Ind., August 10, 1853. Now living at Salamanca, Mich. (July, 1855. D. Alcott)
2. Angeline Adelia Blakeslee, born May 2, 1836, Kirkland, N.Y. Jacob Smith Blakeslee died at Michigan City July 20, 1853 of typhus fever. Buried the 21st.

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5. Eli Blakslee, born Feb. 19, 1809 in Plymouth, Litchfield Co., Conn. Died March 30, 1813 (See page 32) in Plymouth, Litchfield Co. Conn. Buried in Northfield, Cemetery (See page 6 & 7)

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6. Elisabeth Blakslee, born Dec. 10, 1815, Plymouth, Conn. Married John Thompson Clarke Jan. 7, 1835, in Kirkland, N.Y. by Rev. Nathaniel Huse, an Episcopal minister. John T. Clarke born Sept. 13, 1811, son of Joshua and Sarah Clarke. (Joshua born April 4, 1783, died aged 48. Sarah born Nov. 11, 1787)

Children of John T. and Elisabeth B. Clarke

1. Frederick Mortimer Clarke, born Jan. 11, 1836, Kirkland, N.Y. Married in Waukon, Allamakee Co., Iowa, to Laura Ann Tuell November 26, 1857.  
Arthur Tuell Clarke, born Nov. 22, 1858, Waukon, Iowa  
Elia Frances Clarke born Nov. 3, 1860, Waukon  
Millicent May Clarke born March 17, 1863 at Decorah, Winneshiek Co. Iowa.
  2. Charles Elwood Clark, born Oct. 6, 1857, New Hartford, N.Y.
  3. Louie Fernando Clarke, born July 9, 1859, Paris, N.Y.
  4. Sarah Elisabeth Clarke, born May 3, 1841, Verona, N.Y.
  5. Orlando Jay Clarke, born March 11, 1843, Verona, N.Y.
  6. Erna Jane Clarke, born Dec. 21, 1843, Antioch Lake, Ill.
  7. John Adelbert Clarke, born April 23, 1849, Versailles, N.Y., married Katie Perkins Jan. 1, 1876. Their son, Adelbert Stewart Clark born Nov. 4, 1876.
  8. Frances Melissa Clark, born April 5, 1851, Versailles, N.Y. Died Dec. 1883.
  9. Alvin Edward Clark, born Dec. 8, 1854, Waukon, Iowa
  10. Florence Loretta Clarke, born March 3, 1858, Waukon, Iowa
- Note** Other children of Frederick Mortimer Clarke  
 Letitia Elmira Clark, born March 6, 1856, Waukon, Iowa  
 Mary Elisabeth Clarke, born August 3, 1870, Waukon, Iowa  
 Georgia Clarke, born Jan. 21, 1875; died Feb. 8, 1875, Waukon
- Note** Orlando Jay Clarke and Stella McPurdy married in Iowa Nov. 24, 1864.  
 Daughter Lulu May born June 4, 1869
- Note** Sarah Elisabeth Clarke and Julius K. Gurney married June 11, 1863, by Rev. Cowan at Newborgon, Iowa. Children  
 Ary Louise Gurney born in Waukon Nov. 26, 1865  
 Eugene Frederick Gurney born in Iowa, Dec. 24, 1869, Volney  
 Miriam Mervin Gurney born Aug. 11, 1872, McGregor, Iowa  
 John Thompson Gurney born Jan. 23, 1875, Westhampton, Iowa.
- Note** Harvin Phineas Hathaway and Erna Jane Clarke married at Decorah by E. Adams, Congregational minister, May 2, 1866. Children  
 Mary Clarke Hathaway, born April 22, 1869  
 John Phineas Hathaway, born June 24, 1870  
 Susan Elisabeth Hathaway, born Aug. 31, 1871  
 Albertine Erna Hathaway, born Jan. 20, 1873  
 George Washington Hathaway, born Feb. 23, 1875  
 Above children born in Decorah, Iowa.

7. Lovi Blakslee, born August 23, 1818, Smithfield, Madison Co., NY. Married Abbey Jane Smith in Westmoreland, N.Y. by Elder Jesse Diamond, old school Baptist, May 1, 1839. 16th members of the Episcopal church on Paris Hill, N.Y. Father and Mother Blakslee, my wife's father and mother, live with them in Kirkland, N.Y. March 10, 1859, D. Abbott.

Abbey Jane Smith, born Feb. 6, 1820, Westmoreland, N.Y. She was the



daughter of George and Mary Smith, both dead.

Children of Levi and Abby Jane Blakslee

1. Mary Elizabeth Blakslee, born Dec. 7, 1840, Kirkland, N.Y.
2. Charles Smith (later Levi) Blakslee, born October 4, 1842, Kirkland, N.Y. Married Julia Ann Millar of Utica
3. George Smith Blakslee, born Dec. 2, 1840, Kirkland, N.Y. Married Louisa F. Jones of Utica, N.Y., in Utica by Dr. A. B. Goodrich in Calvary church January 3, 1871 at 11 A.M. Fomisa Jones born in Utica, N.Y., July 30, 1851. Daughter Harriet Louisa Blakslee, daughter of G.S. and Louisa Blakslee, born Nov. 24, 1872, in Rome, Ill. Killed in accident in Chicago 1916.
4. Harriet Blakslee, born August 22, 1853, Kirkland, married Charles M. Northrup in Brooklyn, N.Y., December 24, 1873

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4. Noah Blakslee, married Hannah Gaylord. Hannah, died in Perryville, Madison Co., N.Y. Noah, died in Perryville, N.Y.

Children of Hannah & Noah Blakslee

1. Aranda, married Wesley House Oct. 22, 1826. Have a number of children.
2. Joseph Gaylord Blakslee, married Ruby Bliss. They live in Wisconsin. Have children.
3. Eliza, married Johnson Bliss, brother of Ruby. They live in Wisconsin. Have children.
4. Hannah, died in Perryville, N.Y.
5. Morris, died in Pennsylvania.
6. Almira, married Hiram Baele Sept. 24, 1834. Have two girls. Married second time Horace Hubbard, one child who died.
7. Polly, died when a child.
8. Carrit, married, lives in Perryville, N.Y.
9. Hiram, married twice, lives in Wisconsin

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5. ~~Asa Blakslee~~, married Annis Tremaine. She died in Perryville, N.Y. Second marriage, widow Harriet Dykeman, whose maiden name was Dewitt.

Children of Asa and Annis Blakslee

1. Louisa Sophrona, married Mr. Trucman, he died. Married again, lives in Texas
2. Cynthia, married David Pennock in Perryville. Lives in Illinois
3. Charles, Methodist preacher, married.
4. A child, died
5. Lottis, married Hill
6. A child, died
7. Ursula, Married Daniel Hill
8. Asa, married

Children of Asa and Harriet Blakslee

Cornelius Philander Blakslee, married. Lives in Feaner, N.Y.

Asa Blakslee, Sr., died March 1860, in Perryville, N.Y. Buried March 10, 1860.

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7. Mela Blakeloe, married Buckley Braynerd. They live in Wisconsin.

Children of Mela and Buckley Braynerd

1. Philo Blakeloe, married. Lives in Wisconsin
2. Thobee, married Ebenezer Hall. Lives in Sullivan, N.Y. They have a son, married Miss Hall.
3. Mark, married Maria Bush. Lives in Wisconsin. Children
4. Orrin, married. Lives in Kenosha, Wis.
5. Alexander, killed by falling from a horse.
6. George, married Maria Blood, she got a divorce. He is married again. Went to State prison.

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8. Lyman Blakeloe, married Mabel Tremaine, sister of Asa B.'s wife. Lyman died in Sullivan, N.Y. He was a good man. His end was peaceful. I was with him some in his last sickness. His mind was on religion. Mabel married the second time Peter Lansing. He died and she married the third time. Live in Ohio.

Children of Lyman & Mabel Blakeloe

1. Addaline, born, married Mr. Hall. She died in Sullivan. Left children.
2. Cornelia, married Ira Nichols, have children. Live in Perryville.
3. Daniels, married. Lives in Ohio, graduate of college. He is a lawyer.
4. Emmons, married, lives in Ohio. Blacksmith. Now lives in Michigan, 1842.

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9. Edah Blakeloe, married Ansel Braynerd. Ansel is a Methodist local preacher, a very pious man. Live in Westfield, Ohio.

Children of Ansel and Edah Braynerd

1. Eliza
- 2.
3. Lucy
4. Died
5. Died
6. Daniel, married.

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10. Mark Blakeloe, married Eunice Judi in Middlebury, N.Y. Mark died in Chataqua Co., N.Y. Mark was a carpenter and joiner. Episcopalians

Children of Mark and Eunice Blakeloe

1. Harvey, married
2. Homer
3. William, dead
4. Charles
- 5.
- 6.
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8. Ellen

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11. Eliha Alkales, married Joel White, no children. They live in Westfield, Ohio. Both Methodists. Joel is a wagon-maker. Now in 1884 he is a spirit rapper.

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12. Eli Blakslee, married Emily Judd in Middlebury, N.Y. She is a sister of Eunice, Mark P.'s wife. They live in Illinois. He is a wagon-maker. They are both Episcopalians.

Children of Eli and Emily Blakslee

1. Lyman C.
  2. Albert
  3. Julius
  4. Hallydon
- Two daughters dead
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13. Lucy Blakslee, born Sept. 1, 1798 in Paris, Oneida Co., N.Y. Married Roderick White July 5, 1817. Roderick White born Dec. 8, 1788 in Southington, Conn.

They live in Kirkland, N.Y. Roderick is a carpenter, a Free-Will Baptist, Lucy is a Methodist.

Lucy buried March 18, 1873.

Children of Roderick and Lucy White

1. Leonard White, born May 30, 1817, in Paris, N.Y. Married Clarissa Come October 10, 1838 in Jefferson, Ashtabula Co., Ohio, lives in Coscononia, N.Y. He is an exhorter among the Methodists. They have children. He is a carpenter and joiner.

2. Moses Clarke White, born July 24, 1819 in Paris, N.Y. Married Isabel Jane Atwater. She died in China. He is a Methodist preacher and is a missionary in China under the direction of the Methodist Missionary Society. He married a second time in China Miss Mary Seelye.

3. Lois White, born Feb. 7, 1822 in Paris, N.Y. Married George Tooley Dec. 24, 1844. They live in Oswego, N.Y. Have children.

4. Aaron White, born Sept. 19, 1824 in Paris. Student in the Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn.

5. Joseph White, born April 10, 1827 in Paris, N.Y.

6. Martha White, born April 16, 1829 in Paris, N.Y.

7. Jeannette White, born July 6, 1831 in Kirkland, N.Y.

8. Eli White, born Nov. 15, 1833, in Kirkland, N.Y. Died March 17, 1840 in Kirkland.

9. Phebe White, born July 18, 1835 in Kirkland, N.Y.

10. Laura White, born Dec. 23, 1836, in Kirkland, N.Y.

11. Sampson White, born Feb. 23, 1845, in Kirkland, N.Y.

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Relatives of Emily Blaklee on her mother's side

I know nothing of the ancestry of this Smith family farther back than the grandparents of my wife. Her grandfather I never saw, the grandmother I have seen frequently. They are both buried in the cemetery in Northfield, Conn. (See page 6)

Whether they are descendants directly from the famous Capt. John Smith who commenced a settlement in Virginia, I cannot tell. They may be. There are so many of the name of almost every nation it would be a difficult matter to have their lineage all of them to him or even to suppose they were related to him.

SMITH FAMILY, my wife's relatives

Jacob Smith married Mary Lewis

Jacob Smith, died April 14, 1807, aged 69, in Northfield, Conn.

Mary Lewis, died Aug. 30, 1823, aged 81 years, in Northfield, Conn.

(See page 6) They were Congregationalists. He was a farmer in Northfield.

Children of Jacob and Mary Smith

1. Mary

2. Jacob Jr. Died Feb. 3, 1808 (See page 6)

3. Reuben

4. James

5. Lemuel

6. David

7. Elizabeth, born Sept. 25, 1779 in Litchfield, Co., Conn. (See page 32) Died Jan. 28, 1816, in Paris, N. Y. in peace

8. Levi, died Aug. 4, 1833 (See page 6)

1. Mary Smith, Mr. Goodwin; second husband Mr. Blanchard. Lived and died on Catskill Mountain in New York. Children by Goodwin

Reuben

Lewis

2. Jacob Smith Jr., married Abigail She married Pierpont.  
Jacob died Feb. 3, 1808 in Northfield, Conn. (See page 6) Children

John

Dennis, married Sally Woodward, daughter of Reuben Woodward

She died in 1842. Lived in Watertown, Ct., 1860.

Anna

Abigail

Lewis, a Methodist Preacher, Died (See page 6)

Levi

3. Reuben Smith, now lives in Fenner, N. Y. Married Elizabeth Moss.  
Children

Polly, married Joel E. Keler, now a Baptist deacon living in Fenner, N. Y. Her children

Harriet, deaf and dumb

Harley, married Harriet Hubbard. Married second time

Lydia, married Oscar Lansing

Rachel, married Woodward. Died in Wisconsin. Betsy, her daughter, aged 7 years.

Rhoda, married Converse Barnett in Fenner, N. Y. Oct. 1, 1880 by D. Nicott of Clinton. Died April 2, 1886

Nachel, married Harley Igmo, Died July, 1866

Rhoda, married Miss "Course"



Reuben  
James  
Livy, married Robinson  
Horton, married Miss Julia Keeler

\*Joel E. Keeler, died in Fenner, Madison Co., N. Y., Dec. 12, 1854

4. James Smith, enlisted in the army and never returned, now was heard from. Supposed to have been killed in battle or died in camp.

5. Leazel Smith, married Nancy Jones. Children  
Lyman, a merchant  
William,  
Eliza, married Lyman Webster, a Congregational deacon  
Meritt  
Mary  
Levi, married Miss Curtis

6. David Smith, married Miss Anna Bartholomew. She is dead. Children  
Hiram, lives in Lyndon, Washtenaw Co., Michigan. Married Mary  
Waldo in Girard, Pa. Children  
Jane Anna Smith, born in Girard, aged 17  
Adelbert, aged 11  
John, aged 4  
Martha  
Hiram 43, Mary, his wife, 33 years. May 14, 1852. D.A.  
Charles, killed by machinery near Hartford, Conn. 185-  
Trueman  
Mary  
David

8. Levi Smith, married Polly Penn. She died April 7, 1836 (See page 7)  
Levi died Aug. 4, 1823, aged 52 (See page 6)

7. Elizabeth Smith, born Sept. 25, 1779 in Litchfield Co., Conn.  
Married Charles Blakeslee April 13, 1802, Litchfield Co., Conn. (See page 32)

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\*Joel E. Keeler, died Dec. 12, 1854, aged 53, in Fenner, N. Y.  
Buried near Mr. Wilson's in the cemetery there in Fenner. His remains removed  
to a cemetery in Uxendon, Madison Co., N. Y., about 1866.

Ralph Head died May 31, 1843, aged 47. Buried in Episcopal cemetery  
on Paris Hill, N. Y.

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Dr. Reuben S. Woodward, lived in Litchfield, Northfield Society, Conn.  
Married Rachell Prindle. Children

Sally, married Dennis Smith, died in 1842  
Frederick, born in 1800. Now 60 years old, living near New Haven,  
Conn. A physician until 40 years old, then entered the ministry  
of the Episcopal church.

Lucina, married Hanson Newton  
Sherman, lives in Watertown, Conn.  
Henry, lives in Flycuth, Conn.  
Ann, lives in town of Bethany, Conn. Physician.  
Mijch, Abel, lives in Sun Prairie, Wis. Physician



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## Settlement of Waterbury, Connecticut

Inhabitants of Farmington petitioned the Assembly in 1673 for a grant of land in Mattatuck for a settlement (now Waterbury) Mattatuck the Indian name.

A committee appointed reported that it would sustain thirty families, this in 1674.

### Articles of Agreement, May 30, 1674.

1. 16 Acres of land for home lot
2. Not exceed of Meadow worth 100 pounds
3. Taxes
4. Within four years "build a good and fashionable dwelling house 18' by 16', 9' between joints with a good chimney"

Among the members of this settlement were the names of John Bronson Sr., Abraham Bronson, Isaac Bronson; Bought of Indians a tract 10 miles long north and south and 6 miles wide east and west, bounded east by Farmington; south by Paugusset now Derby; west on Paugusset, Paneraug and Potatunk, now Woodbury and Southbury; and north by wilderness.

### Philips War, 1675

Settled 1677. 18 miles north and south, 10 miles east and west, now Waterbury, Watertown, Plymouth, half of Wolcott and a small part of Oxford and Prospect. Now contains 12000 persons, 30 families at first it would support.

First English child born in Waterbury Rebecca Richardson, daughter of Thomas and Mary Richardson, April 27, 1679, in a house that stood upon the site of the old Judd House. First male born, Richard, son of John and Mary Walton, September 27, 1679.

Salary of first minister 60 lbs—50 lbs in provisions and 10 lbs in wood. Wheat at 5 shillings, rye 3 shillings, corn 2/6, pork 3 pence lb. First minister, Jeremiah Peck Sr; second, John Jones; third, John Read; fourth, John Southmayd.

"Voted to set up a school four months or more, and the committee are to endeavor to get a school master to teach writing as well as reading"

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### Wolcott

Incorporated 1796 from Farmington & Waterbury, formerly called Farmingbury. First minister Alexander Gillett; second, Israel B. Woodward; Compared Connecticut to land of Canaan, especially Wolcott for it being rolling.

D. Wolcott.





### Anecdote of Uncle Noah Miles Bronson

Related to me by a Mr. Dean, an Englishman, at the house of Cousin Hiram Bronson, son of Noah Miles, in Medina, Ohio, December 27, 1852, in the evening at the supper table in the presence of Cousin Hiram.

Two neighbors of Judge Bronson by the names of Blakslee and Warner had been for a long time at variance in consequence of a certain mill pond. It had involved their families in the quarrel and the matter had become a serious affair.

Blakslee had sold Warner a mill with the privilege of flowing a portion of adjoining land. Blakslee thought Warner flowed too much land, Warner thought not. Fiercer and fiercer became the contest.

Judge Bronson devised a plan to reconcile the matter. He got them together but all in vain—it was no go. At length he asked Blakslee to step aside with him. He did so. He asked him to place a stone in the rocks in the ravine at the point where he supposed Warner had a right to raise the water into the ravine. He did so and then retired. He then took Warner into the ravine and desired him to put a stone in the ledge of rocks where he supposed he might raise the water. Without any knowledge of what the other had done, he placed his mark. And when the parties came together to look upon the marks, Lo and Behold! Warner had made his mark one foot below Blakslee's. This had the desired effect. They saw their former folly and were made friends.

The above mill is in Bagdad, Medina Co., Ohio.

Rome, Oneida Co., N. Y., January 4, 1853. D. Alcott.

### THE CHAIN

Uncle Noah when a boy was with his grandfather on the farm, then now, which my grandfather afterward owned, driving a team for him. They then used oxen and one horse to plow. For chains they used green hide and without withes, but they kept breaking.

Finally Noah was left with the team and the old gentleman went to Farmington fifteen miles to get an iron chain, went on foot. He obtained one and then gave a charge to keep it in the family.

Noah had the chain and he used it on the road logging and making turnpikes. He intended to leave it to his son, but someone stole it and it has been lost. It is supposed that Jacob Welton hooked the chain. He is the son of Eben Welton of Medina, Ohio.

Rome, January 4, 1853. Denison Alcott.

